

AN ORDINANCE

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Councilmember C. T. Martin

An Ordinance to amend the Charter of the City of Atlanta adopted under and by virtue of the Authority of the Municipal Home Rule Act of 1965 (Ga. Laws 1965, p. 298, et. seq.), as amended, to amend Section 2-308 of the Charter of the City of Atlanta, Georgia (Ga. Laws 1996, p. 4469, et. seq.) approved April 15, 1996, as amended, so as to require that the Office of the President be responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Council Staff Director; to create an oversight panel of the City Council to oversee staff operations; to set certain guidelines; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes

Whereas, the staff of the department of Council is comprised of Council assistants, the Office of the Municipal Clerk and the Council staff; and

Whereas, the Council assistants report directly to the individual councilmember with whom they are employed; and

Whereas, the Municipal Clerk and Director of Council Staff are "responsible to the council, and shall perform the duties of his or her office under the direction and supervision of the the president of the council and the committee designated by the council; and

Whereas, the designated committee is the Committee on Council; and

Whereas, those combined staffs number some twenty-seven persons and consists of administration, records, communications and research; and

Whereas, it is difficult for a Committee to oversee the day-to-day operations of such a diverse staff; and

Whereas, the oversight of these staffs should be consigned to one person.

BE IT ORADINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, as follows:

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**Section 1:** That Section 308© (3) of the Charter of the City of Atlanta, Georgia (Ga. Laws 1996, p. 4469, et. seq.) approved April 15, 1996 as amended, be deleted in its entirety, and substituted in lieu thereof the following:

Section 2-308 © (3) The director of council staff shall be responsible to a Chief Operating Officer operating out of the Office of the President for day-to-day operations. There shall also be a five (5) member panel, to be appointed by the **Council**, to whom appeals shall be made.

The Chief Operating Officer shall present to the Council annually, for its adoption, a Quality Performance and Appraisal Initiative. . Said Initiative shall detail the expectations of the Director of Council Staff and the units of measurement therefor. The Chief Operating Officer, in conjunction with the panel, shall be responsible for the annual evaluation of the Director of Council Staff,

**Section 2:** That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.